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SUBJECT: GATT: TARIFF STUDY

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1. PRE-CTIP CONSULTATIONS FAILED TO PROMOTE AGREEMENT ON TREATMENT OF EC/ EFTA TRADE. IN CHANGE FROM EARLIER POSITION EFTA COUNTRIES PROPOSED THAT TABULATIONS WITH 1971 AND 1972 DATA TREAT THEIR IMPORTS FROM EC (6) AND IRELAND AS MFN AND THOSE FROM UK AND DENMARK AS PREFERENTIAL AS THIS PRESENTATION WOULD REFLECT ACTUAL HISTORICAL SITUATION. HOWEVER, EC AGAIN INSISTED ON INCORPORATING NEW MEMBER STATES' TRADE UNDER EC HEADING IN ALL INSTANCES. ALTHOUGH COMPROMISES PROPOSED, EC NOT FULLY PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEM AS DUGIMONT SICK AND ABBOTT, WHO HAD JOINED COMMISSION STAFF THREE DAYS EARLIER, NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH ISSUES.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CONSULTATION DECIDED TO PASS OVER TARIFF STUDY REPORT AT CTIP AND ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE ISSUE AT ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE WHEN EC (AND/ OR EFTA COUNTRIES) WOULD HOPEFULLY HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY. ANY RESULTING COMPROMISE (E. G. SHOWING EC- EFTA TRADE AS SEPARATE COLUMN) WOULD BE RATIFIED AT NEXT CTIP OR CONCEIVABLY (BUT NOT PROBABLY) AT A TARIFF STUDY WP MEETING HELD BEFOREHAND. SECRETARIAT WORK WOULD NOT BE HELD UP IN MEANTIME AS SOME MEMBERS (INCLUDING US) HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ALL 1971 DATA.

3. DESPITE REFORMULATION (STATE 82296), EFTA DELS STILL NEGATIVE TOWARD OUR HARMONIZATION PROPOSAL. WE REMINDED THEM THAT TARIFF STUDY ANALYSES WERE MADE WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO ANY MEMBER AND POINTED OUT THAT WHILE US WAS AS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EC' S HARMONIZATION PROPOSAL AS THEY WERE ABOUT OURS, WE HAD NOT OPPOSED ANALYSES BASED ON IT. SUBJECT LEFT OPEN FOR LATER DISCUSSION. BASSIN

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